



WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUG. 21, 1901.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

According to the division of insular affairs of the War Department the receipts at the 16 custom houses in Cuba amounted to \$16,099,922 in 1900 and \$11,039,443 in 1899. The Havana custom house did three-fourths of the business, amounting to \$12,042,031 in 1900 and \$8,000,000 in 1899. The only other custom house showing more than a million dollars receipts is the one at Cienfuegos. Of the total receipts in 1900 duties on imports brought \$14,273,140; duties on exports, \$1,068,005.

In any city in the United States where postal free delivery has been established, civil service examinations will shortly be held for clerk and assistant, bureau of plant industry, department of agriculture, \$1,000 per annum; hydrographic draftsman, coast and geodetic survey, \$800; artist, bureau of plant industry, \$900.

Among the appointments received from the President today was the commission of Joseph Wheeler, jr., to be a captain in the artillery corps. Chas. E. Vreeland has been promoted to a command in the navy. A number of minor appointments in the army were received from Canton.

The belief that the gasjet had something to do with the water supply that fills the bathtub of John Floyd, a six-year-old colored boy, his life John was a stranger in the city and also to modern city comforts. He was stopping with friends at 218 Arthur Place, and when he started to take a bath turned on everything he could find. The room filled with gas faster than the tub did with water and finally the unfortunate boy succumbed to both elements. The coroner gives a very definite death, believing that John was overcome by the gas and fell into the water. Stories in the papers about flying machines unbalanced the mind of James Williams, a colored laborer. Yesterday he was picked up by the police while running wildly through the streets flapping his arms and crying: "I'm a bird."

The Navy Department was today informed of the death of two retired naval officers. One of them was Lieut. Albert J. Dabney, who was born in Kentucky, but who has been living in Washington for some years. The other was Medical Director Thomas T. Turner, who died at Mackinac Island, Mich., yesterday. He was born in Pennsylvania, and was a member of the department since 1871. The department also learned unofficially of the death of Mrs. Thomas C. McLean, wife of the commander of the Cassin which was now on its way from Port Said to Gibraltar. Commander McLean will learn the sad news at the latter place.

The President's proclamation in the St. Louis Louisiana Purchase Exposition was issued today. The exposition will be opened in St. Louis not later than the first day of May and will be closed not later than the first day of December, 1903.

There is no doubt in the minds of any of the employees of the office of the Commissioner of Patents of the guilt of former Chief Clerk Shepard, who was summarily dismissed from the service for the theft of \$89.05. The safe from which the money was taken had been concealed among a mass of old documents for thirteen years, and the rubber bands which had held together the bundles of letters were old and rotten. After the committee appointed by the Commissioner Allen had counted the money and made a record of all the letters, they were replaced in the safe, a little dust sprinkled on them and the safe and key given to Shepard with instructions to turn it over to the financial department. Shepard took the safe to his private office, where he remained for several hours. He asked two persons if any record had been made of the contents of the safe, and received negative replies. When he finally turned the safe over to the proper custodians, a new count and check of the contents was made. It was about \$80.05. No one had seen or heard of Shepard; the safe had not been out of his possession between counts, and he was temporarily suspended, being dismissed on the following day. The matter will be more thoroughly investigated by Secretary Hitchcock. It is also rumored that the guarantee company that bonded Shepard will begin action against him.

As to the report cable from Pekin that the peace protocol makes no reference to the proposed destruction of the Chinese fort because of objections raised by Li Hung Chang, it is said at the State Department that this subject was settled in the preliminary negotiations when it was agreed that the forts in question should be rendered innocuous, either by destruction or dismantlement, the precise course to be left to the military commanders. It was not deemed necessary, because of this previous arrangement, to have the subject again specifically mentioned in the formal peace protocol.

It is said at the State Department that the differences between the Germans and Prof. Tenner regarding the occupation by the former of the Tientsin University, which were noted in a dispatch from Tientsin this morning, are of old standing. The Germans took possession of the university about a year ago, and it is said to remove or pay rent, Prof. Tenner claims to own the building and his efforts to gain possession have been the subject of much correspondence by mail between the American diplomatic representatives in China and the State Department. There have been no new developments in the matter since Minister Conger's return to Pekin.

Judge Advocate Lemly, of the Schley court of inquiry, has telegraphed to Washington on Friday of this week. He had not been expected before next Monday and it is supposed that his decision to cut his vacation short is for the purpose of complying with the request of Admiral Schley for a list of the witnesses to be summoned by him. So far, although a number of officers have been called home to attend the sessions of the court, and a number of others have been placed on waiting orders for the same reason, no complete list of those required as witnesses has been prepared. This will be done as soon as Capt. Lemly returns and it will be at once communicated to Admiral Schley for his information.

The question as to whether Admiral Howison shall serve as a member of the Schley court of inquiry in view of the published interview in which he was quoted as making remarks derogatory to Schley, will, it is believed, be left to the decision of the other two members of the court, Admirals Dewey and Benham. It is understood that Acting Secretary of the Navy Hackett will today send a letter to this effect to Admiral Schley, response to the latter's recent request that the accuracy of Howison's interview should be inquired into.

Richard Powell claims that his wife was snatched from him on the afternoon of his wedding day and has since been locked up at her parents' home, 420 12th street, southwest. But he intends to get her back if there is any virtue in the law. Today he sued out a writ of habeas corpus in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia making his father and mother-in-law the defendants. The bride will have to be brought into court when the case is set. Powell claims he married Miss Stella Morris on the morning of the 13th inst. Before they had time to start on their honeymoon trip, he says, they met Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morris, the girl's parents, on the street, and despite his loud lamentations the old folks forcibly took Stella away with them. Powell has since made fruitless attempts to see his wife but she is under lock and key in the Twelfth street house.

In a letter received today by Senator Silva, the Colombian minister, Governor Langue, E. Velez, of the department of the Bolivar, Colombia, whose capital is Carthagena, reports that there are no disturbances there.

President McKinley today granted ten pardons, restored four who have served sentences on civil rights and denied five applications.

Rear Admiral Schley figures that it will cost him as expenses in defending himself before the court of inquiry all the money awarded him by the prize court for his victory over the Spanish squadron at Santiago, approximately \$5,000.

Miss Ida Cohen, a comely Jewess, today entered for \$500 before Justice of the Peace O'Shea for breach of contract, which is really breach of promise. Last Sunday morning, Miss Cohen claims, she started on a visit to West Virginia friends. She got only as far as the depot where she met her lover, who had not come. She stayed and married him. He promised to take her to West Virginia, but she claims he never did so.

Miss Cohen claims he would be at her house that evening to partake of the engagement supper and great preparations were made for the occasion. There came not and the guests departed sadly. The next morning, Miss Cohen says, her lover's brother Morris Kessler, called on her and told her that Lewis was engaged to marry a girl named Mary in New York. She claims she was then told by Lewis that he was on his way to West Virginia, and she claims that \$300 will pay for her wounded feelings and the supper.

Lim Young, a landowner, told the police that his place of business had been entered by burglars who took away his leather pocketbook containing \$194 in the coin of the realm. The sympathetic detectives asked Lim to go to the back and talk it over with the cashier. Lim was reluctant. Then the police explained that there was no \$194; no robbery; no bank. Only a quiet game of fan-tan, at which Lim won \$50 to the bad. As the \$50 didn't belong to him, he invented the \$194 story to square himself.

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Pennsylvania Republicans. Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 21.—The republican State convention was ready for business about 11 o'clock, when Mr. Chairman Reed opened the session by reading the report of J. P. Brown, director of Public Safety of Pittsburgh, was chosen temporary chairman. After appointing the ten committees, the convention took a recess for ten minutes. Recorder Brown of Pittsburgh, presented the name of Judge W. P. Porter, of Pittsburgh, for the supreme bench, and he was nominated by acclamation. Frank Harris of Clearfield county was nominated for state treasurer. This ended the business of the convention and adjournment followed.

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## VIRGINIA NEWS.

The constitutional convention reassembles tomorrow.

Colonel Hughes Dillard died at his residence in Chatham, Monday morning at 5 o'clock in the 84th year of his age. He had been in feeble health for some time.

Police Commissioner Chris Manning, of Richmond, was arrested Monday night for being a suspicious character. The commissioner was taken in custody by a policeman who alleges he never knew him personally.

Dr. J. M. McBryde, who for some years past has been president of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, has accepted the position of president of the Sweet Briar Institute, recently offered by the Board of Trustees.

Captain Edgerton S. Rogers, whose death was noticed in yesterday's Gazette, was born in Rome, Italy, about forty years ago, and was the first child born to an American citizen.

News has reached Roanoke of a row which occurred at Mountain Lake last Saturday between negro waiters and mountaineers, which ended in one of the latter having an eye put out and another having a leg badly cut. The mountaineers had been looking on the porch peering into the dining room, and a colored waiter asked them to get away. The row then began and glassware and crockery flew thick and fast.

The confidence and esteem in which Mr. John L. Jeffries is held by the people of Culpeper, his home and native town, was manifested last night by an elegant banquet, given in his honor at the Waverly Hotel by the members of the Culpeper bar, in conjunction with the prominent business men of the town and community. Covers were laid for 100 guests. Ten pieces of the United States Marine Band furnished music for the occasion.

Two Mormon missionaries are operating in Shenandoah county and have been in Woodstock for several weeks, but working in a very quiet way. They are engaged in selling books and traveling through the country. They do not make themselves known as Mormons, but as "brothers" and "sisters."

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Berlin, Aug. 21.—The meeting of Kaiser Wilhelm and the Czar will be a purely private one, and in contrast with that of the Czar and President Loubet on the occasion of the French army maneuvers at Rheims.

Portsmouth, Eng., Aug. 21.—Rear Admiral Bartlett J. Cromwell, of the U. S. cruiser Chicago, landed aboard the British warship Centurion today as the guest of Admiral Seymour.

London, Aug. 21.—Crowds have been waiting at Waterloo station since yesterday to greet the returning volunteers from South Africa. A rumor was current this morning that malignant fever was prevalent on board the transport. The rumor was unconfirmed but it served to accentuate the anxiety felt by relatives of the volunteers.

Manila, Aug. 21.—American school marials to the number of 500 landed in Manila today. They got here on the transport Thomas, having been sent to teach the young Filipinos.

Rome, Aug. 21.—It has been decided to hold a consistory. Cardinal Martelli, the apostolic delegate to the United States, has been invited to attend and receive his cardinal's hat.

Strike Situation. Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 21.—The local strike situation is quiet, bordering on dullness, this morning. The Amalgamated Association scouts, after a round up of the mills, report no chances at any point. Warnings have again been sent to the strikers requesting them to observe strict decorum and to remain away from the vicinity of the idle mills.

John Schuler, general labor boss of the Monaca plant, of the American Tinplate Company, south 15th street, reports that late yesterday afternoon he discovered an attempt at incendiarism at the idle works and but for his timely discovery the plant would doubtless have been destroyed. A strong odor of escaping gas filled the plant. It was finally discovered that a pressure gauge had been knocked from an 8-inch main just outside the building and gas was escaping by the thousands of feet. Schuler hastily stopped the leak with a wooden plug, thus shutting off the escaping gas. He then went to the machine room for another pressure gauge and tools to repair the break. Returning he found a blazing newspaper near where the gas pipe had been broken. It had been thrown there during Schuler's brief absence. The police are working on the case.

McKeesport, Pa., Aug. 21.—Another large delegation of foreign laborers were last night obligated from the tube works. They were taken into the Federation of Labor. Yesterday afternoon an advisory board was formed by delegates from the different lodges to conduct the affairs of the strike. Headquarters have been established in the armory building. The general strike situation remains unchanged.

The Point Breeze Oil Fire. Philadelphia, Aug. 21.—The oil fire at Point Breeze is still burning fiercely. A pall of black smoke still hangs over the greater part of the city. Firemen are directing their efforts now toward the preservation of the great gas tanks which supply all the residences in south Philadelphia and which are within three hundred feet of the flames, and a large force of workmen are throwing up earth embankments to head off a possible foundation of blazing oil. Another big explosion is feared from oil at tank No. 1, which is on fire. There are 35,000 barrels of refined petroleum stored there. No additional deaths or accidents have been reported today. No definite figures as to the probable loss are obtainable but half a million dollars is considered a safe estimate.

Another Tunnel Horror. Cleveland, O., Aug. 21.—Last night thirty-two men went out to water works crib No. 3, to begin work on the tunnel toward crib No. 2, two miles from shore. Five men went down the steel shaft to begin digging. At 8 o'clock there was an explosion of gas. The side was blown out of the steel shaft and water poured in on the men, drowning them like rats in a trap. The survivors had no method of communicating with the shore and no apparatus with which to save life. They blew the crib whistle all night but it was not till daylight that they attracted the attention of a passing steamer. Five bodies have been brought up from the shaft. Thirty-two men were down in the tunnel when the explosion took place. Cleveland's fatal water tunnel has claimed 15 lives within a week.

Diplomatic Relations Broken. Paris, Aug. 21.—It is semi-officially announced that M. Constant, French Minister to Turkey, has broken off diplomatic relations with the Porte. As the question in dispute with Turkey is a purely commercial one, including such matters as dock concessions and sums due for jewelry purchased for the late Sultan's harem, the crisis is not regarded as a serious one. The Sultan is pretty sure to back down.

Constantinople, Aug. 21.—M. Kismoff, the Bulgarian agent here, announces that he will break diplomatic relations between his government and the Porte, unless the Turkish troops are withdrawn from the Bulgarian frontier.

Bryan Acquires an Oil Claim. Evanston, Wyo., Aug. 21.—The trip of Wm. J. Bryan to Wyoming has done more for him than might be expected of an ordinary fishing trip. Following the example of his colleagues in the fight against the oppressive trust Mr. Bryan has purchased oil land and will prepare to enter into active competition with the Standard Oil Company from the petroleum soaked regions of Spring Valley, near here, at which place he has acquired a promising claim.

Lynched for Assault. Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 21.—A special from Rockport, Ky., says Frank Stevens, a negro, was lynched yesterday in the town of Echales, near here, for an assault on Mrs. Mary C. Ray, committed several days ago. Another negro, Henry Clayton, has also disappeared and it is believed the mob took his life, although particulars of his death are not obtainable. Stevens was hanged from a telegraph pole 200 yards from the depot.

Mrs. S. H. Allport, Johnstown, Pa., says "Our little girl almost strangled to death with 'Croup.' The doctor said she couldn't live, but she was instantly relieved by One Minute Cough Cure. For sale by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons."

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